

Table 17
Montana Special Status Wildlife Species in the Dillon Planning Area

<i>List of All Special Status Species that are known or suspected to occur on the DFO</i>	<i>Current BLM-DFO Management Status of the Species</i>	<i>Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF Management Status of the Species*</i>	<i>Occurrence on public lands in the planning area</i>	<i>Preferred Habitat</i>
Grizzly Bear (<i>Ursus arctos horribilis</i>)	Threatened	Threatened & MIS	T	Forest
Gray Wolf (<i>Canis lupus irremotus</i>)	Proposed threatened in experimental area Proposed for delisting	Proposed threatened in experimental area. MIS.	T	All
Lynx (<i>Felis lynx</i>)	Threatened	Threatened	T	Forest
Bald Eagle (<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>)	Threatened. Proposed for delisting	Threatened. Proposed for delisting & MIS	R	Riparian/wetland, Forest
Mountain Plover (<i>Charadrius montanus</i>)	Sensitive	None	R	Grassland
Fisher (<i>Martes pennanti</i>)	Sensitive	Sensitive	T	Forest
Northern Bog Lemming (<i>Synaptomys borealis</i>)	Sensitive	Sensitive	R	Wetland, Bogs
Pygmy Rabbit (<i>Brachylagus idahoensis</i>)	Sensitive (petitioned for listing)	Sensitive	R	Sagebrush shrubland
Preble's Shrew (<i>Sorex preblei</i>)	Sensitive	None	R	Sagebrush shrublands
Townsend's Big-eared Bat (<i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i>)	Sensitive	Sensitive	R	Forest, caves, tunnels, shafts
North American Wolverine (<i>Gulo gulo luscus</i>)	Sensitive	Sensitive	R	Forest
Black-backed Woodpecker (<i>Picoides arcticus</i>)	Sensitive	Sensitive	R	Forest (recently burned)
Black Tern (<i>Chlidonias niger</i>)	Sensitive	None	R	Wetland
Boreal Owl (<i>Aegolius funereus</i>)	Sensitive	None	R	Forest
Burrowing Owl (<i>Athene cunicularia</i>)	Sensitive	Sensitive	T	Grassland
Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse (<i>Pedioecetes phasianellus</i>)	Sensitive	Sensitive	T	Grassland
Common Loon (<i>Gavia immer</i>)	Sensitive	Sensitive	R	Wetland
Canvasback Duck (<i>Aythya valisneria</i>)	Sensitive	None	R	Wetland

Ferruginous Hawk (<i>Buteo regalis</i>)	Sensitive	None	R	Sagebrush shrubland
Great Gray Owl (<i>Strix nebulosa</i>)	Sensitive	None	R	Forest
Hairy Woodpecker (<i>Picoides villosus</i>)	Sensitive	None	R	Forest Riparian/wetland
Harlequin Duck (<i>Histrionicus histrionicus</i>)	Sensitive	Sensitive	R	Riparian/wetland
Loggerhead Shrike (<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>)	Sensitive	None	R	Sagebrush shrubland
Long-billed Curlew (<i>Numenius americanus</i>)	Sensitive	None	R	Grassland
Northern Goshawk (<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>)	Sensitive	Sensitive & MIS	R	Forest
Peregrine Falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>)	Delisted; Treated as sensitive	Sensitive & MIS	R	Riparian/wetland, cliffs
Sage grouse (<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>)	No formal status (petitioned for listing)	Sensitive	R	Sagebrush shrubland
Sage Sparrow (<i>Amphispiza belli</i>)	Sensitive	None	R	Sagebrush shrubland
Swainson's Hawk (<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>)	Sensitive	None	R	Riparian/wetland Sagebrush shrubland
Three-toed Woodpecker (<i>Picoides tridactylus</i>)	Sensitive	None	R	Forest
Trumpeter Swan (<i>Cygnus buccinator</i>)	Sensitive	Sensitive	R	Wetland
White-faced Ibis (<i>Plegadis chihi</i>)	Sensitive	None	R	Wetland
Columbia spotted frog (<i>Rana luteiventris</i>)	Sensitive	None	R	Wetland
* R=resident for some part of annual life cycle, documented on or immediately adjacent to public lands. T=transient, only occasional occurrence on BLM lands MIS=Forest Plan Management indicator species				

As new species are proposed or listed under the Endangered Species Act, very specific management consideration is required through a prolonged process. New emphasis focuses on conservation actions prior to or during the petition review process that could preclude the need for listing. Increased management emphasis for sensitive species can preclude the need for potential listings as well as addressing habitats where conservation actions could serve multiple species needs rather than implement single-species management.

SPECIAL STATUS ANIMALS IN THE PLANNING AREA

Listed Species

Bald Eagle

Approximately 35-40 breeding territories are present in the DFO, primarily in the major river valleys. Breeding pairs utilize cottonwood habitat at lower elevations and Douglas-fir at higher elevations, in association with a permanent body